IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Michitaka Ohtaki Art Unit: 1795

Application Number: 10/593,556 Examiner: K. R. Salzman

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 February 23, 2010

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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